GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:54
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2017
Allotment of Retail Outlets
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extant policy governing allotment of land for Retail Outlets (ROs) to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) persons of the Oil Marketing Companies;

(b) whether SC/ST applicants are now required to purchase land themselves in a deviation from the earlier policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of applications for allotments of ROs to SC/ST candidates pending with the Government due to lack of availability of land, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the corrective steps taken / being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d) - A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 54 ASKED BY DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI FOR ANSWER ON 06.02.2017 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS.

(a) & (b) : As per the dealer selection policy, the land offered by SC/ST candidates is taken on lease / purchased by the Oil Marketing Companies for setting up of the Retail Outlets (ROs). For ROs earmarked for SC/STs, the OMCs construct the RO at their own expenses and also extend financial assistance for working capital requirement under the Corpus Fund Scheme. So, SC/ST candidates do not spend any money for land, construction of RO and working capital. There is no compulsion for purchasing land by SC/ST applicants.

(c) : The State/UT-wise numbers of pending SC/ST Letter of Intents (LoIs) for allotments of retail outlets due to lack of availability of land are given in Anneuxre-I.

(d) : The corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard are as follows :

(i) Extension of time limit has been approved by MoPNG for a further period of 2 years i.e. upto 31-3-2018 or for a period of five years from date of issue of offer letter, whichever is later, to the pending LOI holders of SC/ST and other eligible candidates under corpus fund scheme to arrange land at a place of their choice anywhere in the country irrespective of State/Class of market subject to the offered land meeting techno commercial viability norms has been granted by MoPNG.
(ii) In addition there is a policy of divestment of temporary COCO for the certain categories of pending LOI holders including SCs/STs.
(iii) MoPNG had written to Chief Ministers of all States/UTs to make the suitable plots available especially for SCs/STs categories for fuel retailing so that they could be preferentially allotted to SCs/STs categories of allottees to meet the objective of social upliftment.
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